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SUMMARY. PPCC MEETING TUESDAY DEC 10 CONSIDERED MERGER JAMAICAN/KENYAN/FRENCH RES PROVIDED DEPARTMENT REF (A) (WITH MINOR MODIFICATIONS) WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS: 42 - 1(US) - 0. PPCC THEN RECONVENED AS ECOSOC WITH RESULTS: 41 - 1(US) - 1. END SUMMARY.

1. VOTE OF US MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED REF(B). IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE US DEL (KLEIN)
STATED THAT IN ARRIVING AT "NO" DECISION US HAD EXAMINED FOUR QUESTIONS: WERE PROVISION OF RES RATIONAL?;
WERE PROVISIONS FAIR?; WERE THE END RESULTS PRACTICAL?;
AND WERE THE END RESULTS WISE? REGARDING QUESTION OF RATIONALITY, DEL POINTED OUT THAT WHILE PROVISIONS OF RES SUBJECT TO VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS THEY WERE ON THE WHOLE LOGICAL, ORDERLY AND SYMETRICAL, WITH PRE-INVESTMENT AND RESEARCH ESSENTIALLY ALLOCATED TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CENTRE AND FINANCES TO THE FOUNDATION. REGARDING QUESTION

OF FAIRNESS, PROVISIONS OF RES RESULTED IN MINIMAL DIS-RUPTION TO PERSONNEL AND EXISTING HIERARCHY OF STATUS AND AUTHORITY. ON BASIS OF RATIONALITY AND FAIRNESS QUESTIONS ALONE US COULD HAVE JOINED IN A CONSENSUS. PROBLEM WAS THAT PROVISIONS OF RES WERE ALSO IMPRACTICAL AND UNWISE. PROVISONS OF RES WERE IMPRACTICAL SINCE IT INCONCEIVABLE THAT FOUNDATION COULD FUNCTION WITHOUT A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ARM AT A MINIMUM; AND THE PROVISIONS OF RES HAVE DENIED IT THAT ARM. BY KEEPING THE ONE EXISTING BODY OF THE UN THAT COULD CARRY OUT THIS FUNCTION AT ARMS LENGTH FROM THE FOUNDATION. PROVISIONS OF RES WERE UNWISE BECAUSE THE FOUNDATION WILL BE FORCED TO CONTRACT OUT ITS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS TO THE CENTRE OR ELSEWHERE BUT HAS NO FUNDS TO DO THIS. IN FACE OF LACK OF FUNDS SEVERAL SCENARIOS WERE POSSIBLE BUT MOST LIKELY SCENAIRO WAS FOR SUPPORTERS OF FOUNDATION TO SEEK ANNUAL REVENUES FROM ENVIRONMENT FUND, A SCENARIO WHICH IN TURN IS BOUND TO PRODUCE A CONFLICT BETWEEN THOSE WHO FAVOR UNEP MOVING IN AN OPERATIONAL DIRECTION AND THOSE WHO FAVOR UNEP ADHERING TO ITS GLOBAL CONCERNS. THIS CONFLICT COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF AT LEAST THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTRE WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE FOUNDATION. THE US WAS TORN BETWEEN THE RATIONAL/ FAIRNESS SIDE OF THE ARGUMENT AND THE IMPRACTICAL/ UNWISE SIDE AND CONCLUDED THAT THE LATER SIDE WAS THE MORE PERSUASIVE AND MORE IN KEEPING WITH THE LONG-RUN INTERESTS OF THE UN.

- 2. OTHER DELS MAKING STATEMENTS WERE USSR, FRANCE, AUSTRALIA, TURKEY, BRAZIL, NETHERLANDS, JAMAICA.
- 3. CHANGES IN TEXT PROVIDED DEPARTMENT REF(A) ARE SIXTH PREAMB PARA BECOMES LAST PREAMB PARA; OR PARA 2(B) NOW READS "IN THIS CONTEXT THE CENTRE FORHOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING SHALL CONTINUE ITS PRESENT ACTIVITIES DIRECTED TOWARDS PRE-INVESTMENT AND RESEARCH PROGRAMMES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GA RESOLUTION 2718 OF 15 DEC."; AND OP PARA 3 READS: "DECIDES THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO THIS MATTER BY THE ECOSOC UNCLASSIFIED

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AT ITS 59TH SESSION, IN THE LIGHT OF THE PROGRAMME OF OPERATIONS OF THE FOUNDATION, PENDING THE RESULTS OF HABITAT 1976."

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